

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0021] of the published application (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2007/0259771) with the followed amended paragraph:

(7) The catalyst composition described in any one of (1) to (6), wherein the precious metal is Pt, Pd, Rh, Ir or Ru, an alloy of any of these, or a mixture of these.

Please replace paragraph [0043] of the published application (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2007/0259771) with the followed amended paragraph:

There is no limitation on the particle diameter of the zeolite particles as component 2. However, the particle diameter is preferably [[n]] in the range of 1 to 100 μm , as is that of the particles as component 1, from the viewpoint of improvement in contact with the particles as component 1 in the catalyst layer.